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SUBJ: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT: DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM

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1. PLANNING FOR VISIT IS PROCEEDING ON BASIS OF SCHEDULE
CONTAINED REFTEL. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN COUNTERPARTS,
EMBASSY PLANNERS ARE REACHING POINT WHERE ANSWERS TO CERTAIN
QUESTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO PERMIT MOVING PREPARATIONS TO
ADVANCED STAGE. GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED ON THESE MATTERS AS
FOLLOWS:

A. WHO WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY BE? WE AND
GOI NEED PRECISE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

B. WHO FROM US SIDE (OFFICIAL PARTY AND EMBASSY) WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANDED MEETING WITH PM ANDREOTTI AND
ITALIAN MINISTERS?

C. ITALIANS REQUEST ASAP OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR US GUESTS AT
PRESIDENT LEONE'S DINNER. THEY ANTICIPATE AS MANY AS 50 ATTENDEES,
WITH FROM 12 TO A MAXIMUM OF 14 ON US SIDE. QUIREINALE HAS MADE
CLEAR THAT A LARGER US CONTINGENT NOT POSSIBLE. (COMMENT:
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WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IMBALANCE IS NOT IDEALLY DESIRABLE,
AND BELIEVE IT IS DUE TO ITALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDER-
ATIONS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE NOT CONTEST
GOI CONCEPTION OF DINNER.)

D. GOI PLANS TO PROVIDE ONE INTERPRETER FOR THE ANDREOTTI MEETING,
ANOTHER FOR THE PRIVATE ENCOUNTER WITH LEONE AND TWO FOR THE

QUIRINALE DINNER. GIVEN LENGTH OF MEETING WITH ANDREOTTI AND HIS MINISTERS AND OF THE QUIRINALE DINNER, GOI RECOMMENDS, AND EMBASSY CONCURS, THAT WE ALSO PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER FOR THOSE OCCASIONS. PRESIDENT LEONE FEELS STRONGLY THAT AN INTERPRETER FROM THE OFFICE OF HIS DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR BE THE ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT AS HIS ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. ACCORDING TO A QUIRINALE PLANNER, ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT WOULD "CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE MEETING." (COMMENT: IN PAST, LEONE HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM THAT HE HAS VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON POLITICAL STATEMENTS BY THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT. HIS FEELINGS ON THE PRIVATE MEETING MAY WELL BE RELATED TO THIS SENSITIVITY. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE ACCEPT ITALIAN VIEW.) WILL AN INTERPRETER BE WITH THE PARTY? IF NOT, EMBASSY HAS AVAILABLE NATO TOP SECRET-CLEARED INTERPRETER FOR CHIGI MEETING AND QUIRINALE DINNER.

2. QUESTIONS ON VATICAN PORTION OF VISIT WILL BE COVERED SEPTTEL.
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